

THE CONVENTION.

Seventy-Five Representative Montanians Will Meet To-Day to Form a Constitution.

The Future Welfare of the New State Left to Them—Who They Are.

How the Convention Hall Has Been Prepared For Their Reception—Way-side Whispers.

Territorial Secretary L. A. Walker has been busily engaged for some time in superintending the work of fitting up the district court room for the constitutional convention, which shall convene to-day at high noon. The hall is not any too large, but it has been conveniently arranged. Forty new large antique desks have been put in, each containing five drawers, with inkstand, waste-basket, blotting paper and cuspidor attachments. The balance of the desks are the same as used by the last legislature. There are five rows of desks, seventy-five in all, arranged so that the page can conveniently reach every member. At present, common chairs are to be used, but handsome antique oak chairs to match the new desks have been ordered and are expected to reach here in a few days.

The hall has been appropriately decorated. At the head of the president's desks the banners left by the Dakota visitors have been placed on the wall, while large rosettes adorn either side of the room. A portrait of Montana's first governor hangs in the rear of the president's desk. The chief clerk's desk is a profusion of bunting and the gallery railing is also lined with red, white and blue. Speakers will have to be satisfied with the great aggregation of wisdom from the gallery, as the lower floor is almost entirely taken up with the members' desks. Each member will find a copy of the constitution on his desk.

The government has appropriated \$20,000 for the expenses of this convention. The mileage bill alone will be \$4,500 and the members will have to pay for their services, hardly enough to meet the bar bill. The offices to be filled are, chief clerk, enrolling and engrossing clerk, sergeant-at-arms, watchman, chaplain and page. For extra clerks, which will undoubtedly be necessary, no provision is made for their compensation. The secretary Walker continues the enabling act, he says he will have to refund to the United States the money which is left after the convention. If extra clerks are employed some provision will have to be made with the next legislature for their pay. Nearly all the members have arrived, except part of the west side delegation. Those from the east side report that an accident befell W. T. Fields, of Park county, just as he was starting for the train yesterday. He walked a short distance from the hotel with a satchel in his hand, when he suddenly slipped and fell, breaking his arm in the same place it was once broken before. He is a good democrat, and has served probably detain him two or three days from taking his seat in the convention.

The convention will be called to order by Secretary Walker at 12 o'clock, when, after a temporary organization, it is probable the body will adjourn to participate in the day's festivities.

The members of the convention are as follows:

REPUBLICANS—35.
H. Knippenberg, S. S. Hobson
Samuel Mitchell, C. A. Wittler
C. H. Loud, W. A. Burleigh
W. C. Gillette, W. C. Gillette
H. R. Whitehill, O. F. Goodard
George J. Reek, Con Kohrs
C. S. Hartman, W. H. Watson
W. M. Ballard, L. H. Hershfield
L. Platt Carpenter, W. A. Chessenan
A. J. Burns, Milton Chubb
R. O. Hickman, James E. Callaway
C. S. Marshall, Louis Rottwitz
W. J. Kennedy, George O. Edra
Allan R. Joy, Hiram Knowles
F. E. Sargeant, W. L. Dyer
Charles S. Warren, Henri J. Haskell
J. E. Rickards.

DEMOCRATS—39.

F. L. Graves, Charles E. Conrad
David G. Brown, C. R. Middleton
Paris Gibson, T. E. Collins
Alfred Myers, L. E. Toole
J. R. Winston, D. M. Durfee
J. F. Brazelton, John C. Robinson
Perry W. McDow, W. T. Cooper
L. A. Luce, Thomas Joyce
D. C. Redwell, J. E. Gaylord
Martin Maginnis, Jos. K. Toole
William Mayner, W. H. Buford
William Mather, Alex. Burns
W. Parberry, J. E. Kanouse
W. M. Blackford, W. E. Mation
L. D. Hatch, W. T. Field
G. W. Stapleton, Edward Burns
Leopold F. Schmidt, J. Hogan
E. D. Alton, W. F. Courtney
W. R. Clark, W. W. Dixon
W. R. Ramsdell.
Labor—Peter Breen.

The Hon. W. A. Clark will in all probability be the choice of the convention for president. Hon. T. E. Collins, of Great Falls, is also mentioned. The republicans, it is rumored, will place the name of Louis H. Hershfield before the convention for president, as a compliment to that gentleman for the defeat he suffered in the governorship race.

For chief clerk, Mr. Todd, of Fort Benton, is the most prominent just now, while for sergeant-at-arms the popular Billy Green, of this city, seems to be a strong favorite. The democratic members met at the court house last evening and adjourned to meet again in caucus at the same place at 9 o'clock this morning.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Alexander F. Burnes.

The agricultural interest in the constitutional convention will have an ardent representative in the person of Alexander F. Burnes, the democratic member for the fifteenth district. He was born in Clay county, Missouri, Dec. 7, 1832, and when 6 years of age was taken by his parents to Andrew county in

the same state, where he attended the common schools. In 1852 he went to California, returning to Savannah, Mo., three years later and engaged in the mercantile business there until the war broke out, when he took up arms for the southern cause. He was captured by the union army at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1864, and was held a prisoner at Johnson Island until the close of the war. Mr. Burnes came to Montana in 1866, where he engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He has been a member of the convention as a democrat. He is married and has a family.

Louis H. Hershfield.

The financial interests of the future state of Montana will have a vigilant champion in the person of L. H. Hershfield, the republican member for the fourteenth district. Mr. Hershfield is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and is in the fifty-third year of his age. When 18 years old

he went to Leavenworth, Kan., where he was while he was at the head of the general rush for the supposed El Dorado. He drove an ox team across the plains, and engaged in merchandising at Central City, Col., until July, 1864, when, with a train of twenty-six wagons, he went to Virginia City, selling his train and cargo of goods for gold dust and thereafter, until the latter part of November, when he established in Helena the banking house of H. H. Hershfield & Co., with a branch in Virginia City. He followed the business of buying gold dust. In 1882 the bank was reorganized and is now known as the Merchants' National of Helena, which has a capital of \$150,000. Mr. Hershfield has also been engaged in the banking business at Benton and White Sulphur Springs and is a large owner of real estate in various parts of Montana. He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary Gray, his second son, Ezra, has brought to Mr. and Mrs. Hershfield the sympathy of all who know the family. They have three children now living. Mr. Hershfield has had the distinction of being chairman of the republican ticket in the only two campaigns when that party elected a delegate to congress. His knowledge of affairs will make him a valuable member of the convention.

Joseph Kemp Toole.

Few men of his years have seen as much of public life as Joseph K. Toole, one of the majority representatives of the fourteenth district.

He was born May 12, 1851, at Savannah, Mo., and after a period spent at the public schools of St. Joseph, Mo., went to the Western military academy at New Castle, Ky., at which Kirby Smith was the principal. After leaving this school Mr. Toole studied law and was admitted to the bar. Coming to Montana in 1869 he was elected district attorney of the third judicial district in 1872 and re-elected without opposition in 1874. He was chosen member of the upper branch of the twelfth legislative assembly, and was elected president of the council. Mr. Toole was one of the foremost figures in the constitutional convention of 1884, and has served two terms as delegate in congress, the first time being elected over W. F. Sanders by 3,718 majority. He was re-elected in 1886, a majority of 199 over Judge Knowles. He was largely owing to the efforts of Mr. Toole that the territorial administration passed in congress in February last after hope had been generally abandoned. Mr. Toole is a bachelor, and, it is needless to say, a democrat.

Major Martin Maginnis.

No Montanian is more widely known than the subject of this sketch. Martin Maginnis was born in Wayne county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1840, and removed with his parents while quite young to Minnesota, where he received his education at the public schools and Hannan college, which latter institution he left to assume the editorship of a local paper. On the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted as a private in the First Minnesota volunteer infantry, and was with his regiment at the battle of Bull Run, in the summer of 1861. In September, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and in July, 1863, to captain. He remained with the First Minnesota until September, 1864, serving in the army of the Potomac. Then he was commissioned major of the Eleventh Minnesota, and became a part of the grand command of Gen. George H. Thomas. Mustered out of the service at the close of the war, he came to Montana in 1866, where he first engaged in mining, a little later becoming editor of the Helena Daily Gazette. He was elected delegate to the thirty-third congress and to the five subsequent congresses, serving twelve years consecutive. Mr. Maginnis is an uncompromising democrat. He is married.

Ex-Gov. B. Platt Carpenter.

Ex-Gov. B. Platt Carpenter was born May 14, 1837, at O, N. Y. Graduated at Union college in 1857, is married and has three children. He was admitted to the bar at Poughkeepsie in 1858, has ever since practiced law, and is now one of the law firm of Carpenter, Buck & Hunt. Mr. Carpenter was elected district attorney of Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1858, and in 1864 was appointed by President Lincoln to be assessor of internal revenue for the twelfth congressional district of New York. In 1867 he was elected delegate to New York constitutional convention. He was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1868, 1872 and 1884, and was temporary chairman of the republican state convention of 1872. In 1875 Mr. Carpenter was elected to the senate of New York, and in 1887 was elected judge of Dutchess county. In 1881 he was chairman of the New York republican state committee. Mr. Carpenter was appointed governor of Montana in 1884, and in March, 1885, was appointed one of the commissioners to codify the laws of Montana. Mr. Carpenter represents the thirteenth district in the Montana constitutional convention, having received 604 votes upon the 875 ballots cast at the election.

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Besides owning a flock of 15,000 sheep, he has considerable real estate in the city of Helena.

William Muth.

One of the youngest members of the convention is William Muth, of the thirteenth district, a member of the real estate firm of Porter, Muth & Cox. Mr. Muth was born at Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 2, 1861, and is, therefore, in his thirty-sixth year. A native graduate from the high school of Wheeling in 1879, Mr. Muth moved to Leavenworth, Kan., and four years later came to Montana as agent for W. C. Lobenstein, an extensive dealer in robes and furs. Subsequently Mr. Muth engaged in general merchandising, which business he followed for a number of years, meanwhile making several fortunate investments in mining properties. In 1886 Mr. Muth went into the real estate business in Helena, where he won for himself a host of warm friends. He has twice represented his ward (the fourth) in the city council, and was a member of the house of representatives of the fifth congressional district of Montana. Mr. Muth is an active democrat. He is married and the father of three children.

The North Dakota Programme.

BISMARCK, Dak., July 3.—To-morrow the constitutional convention for the new state of North Dakota will assemble in this city and already a large number of delegates are on hand. According to agreement the republicans of the territory, who are in the majority, allowed the democrats to have one-third of the delegates to this convention, and there will be a strong effort to keep up the minority representation. The convention will be held in the city and already a large number of delegates are on hand. According to agreement the republicans of the territory, who are in the majority, allowed the democrats to have one-third of the delegates to this convention, and there will be a strong effort to keep up the minority representation. The convention will be held in the city and already a large number of delegates are on hand. 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